

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A front seat for a motor vehicle, said seat comprising:

a backrest frame (11),

~~characterized by the fact that it comprises~~ lower fixing means (12, 13) for rigidly fixing the backrest frame (11) to a lower structural element (2) of a passenger compartment,

and

upper fixing means (15) for rigidly fixing an upper part of the backrest frame to an upper structural element (17) of a passenger compartment.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the backrest frame and the lower and upper fixing means are suitable for forming means for rigidifying a passenger compartment structure of a vehicle.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 or 2,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising backrest upholstery ~~[[is]]~~ mounted vertically mobile on the backrest frame.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising a cushion frame ~~[[is]]~~ vertically  
displaceable relative to the backrest frame.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising a cushion frame ~~[[is]]~~ mobile in rotation  
along a horizontal axis relative to the backrest frame.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~  
~~claims, characterized by the fact that~~ claim 1, further comprising a cushion frame (10) ~~is~~  
rigidly fixed to the backrest frame ~~(11),~~

wherein the lower fixing means rigidly ~~connecting the~~ connect a cushion frame (10)  
to a lower structural element (2) of a passenger compartment, the cushion frame, the backrest  
frame and the lower and upper fixing means being suitable for forming means for rigidifying  
a passenger compartment structure of the vehicle.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized by the~~  
~~fact that~~ wherein the cushion (10) and backrest (11) frames are formed integrally.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of claims 6 or 7,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 6, wherein the lower fixing means comprise a single leg (12)  
supporting the cushion frame, said leg (12) able to be rigidly fixed to a lower structural  
element of the passenger compartment.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~  
~~claims, characterized by the fact that~~ claim 1, wherein the upper fixing means comprise at  
least one upper arm (15) extending from an upper part of the backrest frame (11) and able to  
be rigidly fixed on the opposing side to an upper structural element (17) of the passenger  
compartment.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~  
~~claims, characterized by the fact that it is provided with~~ claim 1, comprising at least three  
fixing points for a seat belt (C).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle (1) ~~characterized by the fact that it~~  
~~comprises~~ comprising at least one seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The vehicle as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterized~~  
~~by the fact that~~ wherein the lower fixing means are rigidly fixed to lower cross-members, to a  
lower central beam, to a lower side member and/or a lower portion of a pillar of the vehicle  
structure.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The vehicle as claimed in ~~one of claims 11 or 12,~~  
~~characterized by the fact that~~ claim 11, wherein the upper fixing means are rigidly fixed to an  
upper cross-member, to an upper central beam, to an upper side member (17) and/or to a  
lower portion of a pillar of the vehicle structure.

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Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The vehicle as claimed in ~~any one of claims 11 to 13, characterized by the fact that it comprises~~ claim 11, further comprising a control unit ~~which is mobile~~ along a longitudinal axis relative to the seat.